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REMARKS

With this amendment, claims 1 to 8, 10 to 22, and 24 to 28 are pending. Claims 9 and 23 are currently canceled. Claims 1, 8, 10, 12 to 16, 19 to 22, and 24 to 27 are currently amended.

Amendments are currently made to claims 1, 10, 12 to 16, 19 to 21, and 24 to 27 for clarity. Claims 12 to 16, 25, and 27 are amended to change the claim dependency. Support for the new claim dependency can be found in the original specification, for example, on page 5, lines 18 to 29, where it is stated that the features described in claims 12 to 16 can be used with any of the aspects of the invention. The limitations of claims 9 and 23 are incorporated into claims 8 and 22, respectively.

Entry of this amendment is requested.

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group II, claims 10-18. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

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